GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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IMPACT OF FOREST RIGHT ACT ON NATIONAL PARKS/SANCTUARIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various conservation groups have demanded to set up a panel to examine the impact of Forest Rights (FRs) Act on National Parks and Sanctuaries in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check the adverse impact of FRs Act in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Concerns have mainly been expressed regarding the loss and fragmentation of habitats and its consequences on wildlife conservation.

(c) & (d) Adequate safeguarding measures have already been detailed in the existing Act.